



United States
Environmental Protection Agency
Region IX
Clean Water Act §319(h)

Water Division
Tribal Office
FY2005

Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Grants

The purpose of the Nonpoint Source Control Program is to assist Federally-recognized Indian Tribes develop and implement polluted runoff control programs and watershed based plans that address critical water quality concerns and achieve positive environmental results.

Funding: Nationally, approximately **\$7M** will be allocated to fund CWA §319 Tribal programs, the same funding level as FY2004. This will allow awards of **\$30K** (land area less than 1,000 sq. miles) or **\$50K** (land area more than 1,000 sq. miles) in base funding to eligible Tribes. The remaining funds will be awarded to eligible Tribes through a national competition to support the implementation of priority “on-the-ground” watershed projects that will lead to water quality improvements (up to **\$150K** per project).

Eligible Activities (but not limited to):

- Hiring qualified staff;
- Implementing physical measures or best management practices (BMP) that will reduce or eliminate NPS pollution in receiving water bodies, resulting in water quality benefits;
- Implementing the Tribe’s approved NPS management program;
- Implementing “on-the-ground” watershed projects (i.e., stream restoration, revegetation, buffer strips, installing gabions, tree planting, removal of invasive/non-native species, and more);
- Conducting NPS education programs;
- Training and travel.

Eligible Applicants:

***Federally Recognized Indian Tribes in
Region 9***

CWA §319 Grant Program Eligibility Requirements:

Tribes must have an approved NPS Assessment Report and Management Plan and meet the following Financial Assistance Eligibility (FAE) requirements by January 7, 2005:

1. Federal recognition;
2. Substantial governmental duties and powers;
3. Legal authority and jurisdiction over Tribal lands or reservation;
4. Capability to carry out functions to be exercised in the manner consistent with the terms and purposes of the Clean Water Act and all applicable regulations.



Tamarisk removal and revegetation at Moapa Band of Paiutes



Alternate water source for cattle at Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe

The Application Process:

BASE PROJECT FUNDING: A workplan, budget, and schedule consistent with the Tribe's approved NPS management plan that describes the activities and outputs to be funded and the expected environmental results.

WATERSHED/COMPETITIVE PROJECT FUNDING: A proposal which describes the NPS problem to be addressed; the project goals and objectives; the expected water quality benefits to the receiving waterbody; the "on-the-ground" best management practices (BMPs) or physical measures to be implemented; the implementation schedule and budget; and expected environmental results that will be used to evaluate project success. Refer to the Final FY2005 Tribal NPS Guidelines for more information*

*For more information on the application process, refer to EPA Guidelines on awarding CWA §319 Grants to Indian Tribes: <http://www.epa.gov/owow/nps>

Schedule (subject to change):

DUE February 18, 2005:

- Draft workplan and budget for *base* projects.
- A proposal for *watershed/competitive* projects.

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April 14, 2005: EPA Headquarters notifies Regions and Tribes of *watershed/competitive* project selections.

DUE May 6, 2005: Tribes submit final grant applications(i.e., SF-424, workplan, budget, and required forms/certifications) to:

US EPA Region 9

Grants Management Office, PMD-7

75 Hawthorne St., San Francisco, CA 94105



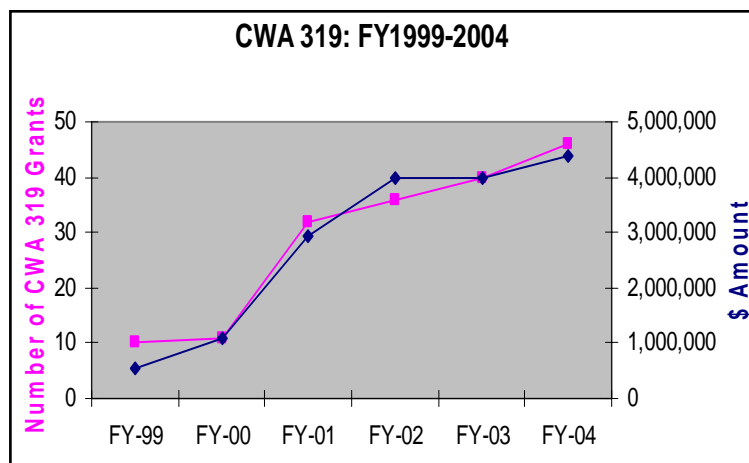
Example of a Past Project:

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

At a wetlands demonstration site in Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, the Tribe removed surface debris and noxious weeds, contoured the channels, and revegetated the area with plants. This NPS project has led to a positive environmental result with a significant decrease in turbidity.

Match Requirement

A Tribal match of 40% of the total project costs must be reflected in the workplan and budget. (Note: Pursuant to 40 CFR 35.635, the match may be reduced to as low as 10% if financial hardship can be demonstrated.)



Growth of EPA Region 9 Tribal NPS Program

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